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Dear Friend,

### Rep. Waxman Joins 24-Hour Fast for Immigration Reform

On November 26, I joined with leaders from Los Angeles's faith, civic, and business communities in a 24-hour fast to show solidarity with the growing national effort to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

While the Senate passed the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744) on June 27 by a strong bipartisan vote of 68-32, the House of Representatives has yet to act.

A large majority of Americans support comprehensive immigration reform. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 15, comprehensive immigration reform legislation that has been introduced in the House. Updating and reforming our immigration policies would strengthen our economy, create jobs, and bolster our national security. You can count on me to continue to push for a vote on this important legislation.

You can find a summary of H.R. 15 [here](#).



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**Bringing Aerospace Jobs to California**



On November 25, I spoke at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's State of the Region luncheon about the importance of aerospace industry as a key driver of the economy in Southern California. Our region has a rich history of aerospace manufacturing and our skilled workforce is second to none.

That is why Southern California is uniquely positioned to host the production of Boeing's new 777X airplane. I am working hard with other Southern California Members of Congress to bring its production to our area.

Click [here](#) for the copy of a letter to Boeing CEO James McNerney.



*These flashbacks show how e-cigarettes are marketed today using the same tactics from the '50s and '60s, when cigarettes were marketed to kids as an act of rebellion.*

## E-Cigarette Flashbacks

In November I contacted the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about efforts by electronic cigarette companies to target young smokers with the same advertising and marketing practices that major cigarette companies used for decades to hook teen smokers.

I have also released an online presentation that shows how the advertisement strategies once used by the cigarette companies to attract young smokers are now being used by the e-cigarette companies. Advertising expenditures have skyrocketed and the use of e-cigarettes by kids doubled between 2011 and 2012. FDA action is essential to ensure that e-cigarette makers don't hook a new generation of our kids on nicotine.

The online presentation is available [here](#) and you can find my letter to the FDA [here](#).

## Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

On December 12, the Food and Drug Administration announced new policies to limit the widespread use of medically important antibiotics in meat and poultry production. I was glad to see the FDA take this important first step toward preserving the effectiveness of our most important human antibiotics. I will be watching closely to see if this voluntary approach is effective.

Earlier this year, I introduced the Delivering Antimicrobial Transparency in Animals (DATA) Act, which would increase our knowledge of how antibiotics and other antimicrobials are used in food-producing animals. This legislation would be an important complement to FDA's guidance. You can find more information about the DATA Act [here](#).

### Safe Climate Caucus Milestone

December 3 marked the 100th day that members of the Safe Climate Caucus spoke on the House floor about the defining environmental challenge of our time: climate change.

As a cofounder of the Safe Climate Caucus, I am working to do all I can to raise public awareness of scientists' warnings about climate change. Members of the Safe Climate Caucus will continue to speak out about climate change and to push for legislative action to address it.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Safe Climate Caucus.

Thank you,



Henry A. Waxman

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